

INSTREAM FLOW PROTECTION PILOT PROGRAMS SUMMARY AND TIMELINE JANUARY 2005

- Chapter 278, Laws of 2002, established an instream flow protection pilot program on the Lamprey and Souhegan rivers. (Summary attached)
- \$348,487 for the Lamprey River pilot studies contract is from a NOAA grant
- A broad coalition of interests, including BIA and conservation groups, strongly support the pilot program
- The Pilot Program to proceed as follows :
 - DES has adopted rules on 5/29/03 ([http://www.des.state.nh.us/rules/env-
ws1900.pdf](http://www.des.state.nh.us/rules/env-
ws1900.pdf))
 - (For each river)DES convenes legislatively defined advisory committees
 - Instream Flow Technical Review Committee
(http://www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/instream/plan_tr.htm)
 - Water Management Planning Area Advisory Committee
(http://www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/instream/plan_wmpa.htm)
 - DES, with advisory committee input, procures contractor and performs studies:
 - Protected Instream Flow Study
 - Water Management Plan
 - DES holds hearings, revises studies and plans, and adopts them
 - Finally, DES and the Legislative Review Committee report to the legislature by December 1, 2008

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For Lamprey River Instream Flow Protection Pilot Program

Jan. 21 2005	Convene first Lamprey WMPAAC meeting – chair and selection committee members
Jan. 24 2005	Convene first Lamprey TRC meeting – chair and selection committee members
Feb. 7, 2005	Selection committee reviews RFQs and shortlists
Feb.11, 2005	Mail Lamprey RFP
Feb. 18, 2005	Proposed date for mandatory Q&A meeting for shortlisted firms
March 10, 2005	Receive Lamprey proposals
March 2005	Review Lamprey proposals
March 28, 2005	Conduct interviews and score teams; memo to CO
Early to mid-April 2005	Approval from CO and contract negotiations and documents
Late April to mid-May 2005	G&C process to contract Lamprey consultant complete
March 2006	Draft Protected Instream Flow Study for Lamprey
August 2006	DES establishes Protected Flows, Draft Water Management Plan
February 2007	DES adopts Water Management Plan for Lamprey
April 2007	Joint DES/ legislative hearing
April 2008	DES final public hearing on pilot program
Dec. 1, 2008	DES final report to legislature